Sale of Items at Maximum Retail Price by Super Bazar

715. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Bazar has been selling fireworks and Crackers from its outlets to the consumers at the maximum retail price (MRP) printed on the items;

(b) whether the MRP printed on the fireworks and crackers ranges anything between fifty to two hundred per cent of the purchase price;

(c) if so, the reasons for the Super Bazar to sell these items at MRP and the steps taken to sell these items at 10 per cent prices more than their purchase price to safeguard the interests of the consumers;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of other items that the Super Bazar sell at MRP and how do that compare with the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. It has been reported by Super Bazar that they sold fire-works and crackers from eight selected outlets on discount ranging from 30 to 60% on the MRP.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Super Bazar has reported that since the business of fire-works and crackers involves high cost of freight, cartage, insurance, loading/unloading charges and considerable infrastructure cost and high cost of storage of unsold stock, it is not possible to restrict the mark-up to 10% over purchase price. Super Bazar has reported that fireworks and crackers were, however, sold below the MRP.

(c) It has been reported by Super Bazar that they deal in about 32,000 items. They do make effort to sell all the items below the MRP. However, in some cases, the items are sold as per the MRP. Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar have differences in their cost structure including overhead expenditure and in their pricing policy. Barring minor variations, both Kendriya Bhandar and Super Bazar are selling most of the items below the MRP.

Rise in GDP

716. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage rise in the gross domestic product (GDP) during the last three years; and

(b) the reasons for such rise in gross domestic product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) The relevant information is as follows:

Year	Percentage rise
1992-93	4.3
1993-94	4.3
1994-95	6.2

(b) The rise in GDP growth rate is a result of better performance in different sectors of the economy especially the agriculture, industry and service sectors.

सुपर बाजार में बिक्री और लाभ के लक्ष्य

717. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सुपर बाजार सहकारी समिति, नई दिल्ली द्वारा वर्ष 1995-96 के लिए सार्वजनिक बिक्री और लाभ का क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है;

(ख) 1993-94 के दौरान निर्धारित लक्ष्य की तुलना में वास्तव में कितना राजस्व अर्जित किया गया तथा वर्ष 1994-95 में इसी अवधि की तुलना में क्या स्थिति है;